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Dear Army Corp of Engineers


This is a letter opposing the breaching of the dams. Reading the summary of the draft proposal on improving Salmon Passage on the lower Snake River released in December of 1999 you had to make certain assumptions to come up with the conclusion that the salmon would be marginally better off if the dams were breached. Since you have no hard science to back this up breaching the dams would be a very drastic step to take on unproven science for what would only be a very small increase in salmon numbers even if your assumptions were right.

In the section on air quality you have swept the negatives effects of burning fossil fuels under the rug. Burning the amount of fossil fuels it would take to replace would degrade our air quality, is a threat to the people's health and add to global warming.

In the report were you state that the recreational value of the river would go up if the dams were breached, this is a joke. The recreational value of the river is greater now than if the dams were breached.

In conclusion if the dams were breached the environment would be worse off, the economy would be worse off and it would not help the salmon.

DO NOT BREACH THE DAMS


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